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Remarks

Claims 1 and 4 remain pending in this application. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 2 and 3. Claim 4 has been amended to depend from independent Claim 1.

Claims 3 and 4 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants appreciate acknowledgement of the patentable subject matter. Thus, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 2 and 3 accordingly. Applicants respectfully request allowance of currently amended claims 1 and 4.

For the reasons indicated above, claims 1 and 4 are patentably distinguishable over the prior art cited thereagainst. Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would be beneficial, please contact the undersigned at the number listed.

Respectfully submitted,

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